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# **Marine and Waterfront Facility Risks**

## **Affected by Crude By Rail First Draft Findings and Risk Control Options**



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## CBR Impacts All Washington Waterways

- **Current marine vessel traffic carrying CBR crude oil cargoes**
  - **ATBs from Columbia River to Puget Sound via outer coast**
  - **Barges within Puget Sound**
  - **Dilbit is currently moved by barge and tanker in Northern Puget Sound**

## CBR Impacts All Washington Waterways (2)

- Potential future marine vessel carrying CBR crude oil cargoes
  - Grays Harbor planned projects (3)
  - Columbia River (Oregon side) (1)
  - Columbia River (Washington side) (2)
  - Puget Sound (1)

## CBR Impacts All Washington Waterways (3)

- **Impact of CBR on existing crude oil traffic**
  - Decline in ANS crude by tanker (will CBR replace this?)
  - Potential reduction in foreign imports
- **Impact of CBR on future tank vessel traffic**
  - More ATBs
  - More product tankers (if refinery capacity increases)
  - Potentially crude oil export tankers/ATBs

## CBR Impacts All Washington Waterways (4)

- **Impact of CBR on future non-tank vessel traffic**
  - **Most likely source of a large spill is from a non-tank vessel (fuel tank rupture in collision or grounding)**
  - **Collision risks increase with traffic density**

## CBR Impacts on National Waterways

- Tanker (foreign) traffic from Gulf Coast to Canada
- Not so much on West Coast
  - Jones Act related transportation costs
    - \$14 per bbl (including rail costs) for Jones Act
    - \$2-\$3 per bbl (mideast oil)

**There has been no vessel traffic risk  
assessment incorporating this potential new  
traffic**



Current regulatory, inspection and operational procedures have been effective at prevention. Does CBR change this?

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- Anchorages Washington are near capacity
  - Represents long term storage of oil, some of which will be of CBR origin
- Crude oil tankers servicing refineries often make multiple trips to/from anchorages
- Influence of oil type
  - Volatility influences handling (e.g. no pre-booming)
- Additional exports of petroleum products due to CBR leads to more risk of spills of hazardous cargoes other than crude oil

## Risk Controls – In-place and Possible

- Training and Management Practices
- Vessel traffic management and assessment
  - Knowledge and prediction lead to prevention
- Navigational Aids
  - Hardware and Software
- Protective location of fuel oil tanks
- Booming – difficult for Bakken
- Inert gas systems
- Escorts and Emergency Tow Vessels (aka Rescue Tugs)

- Cost-Benefit Analyses for Risk Control Options are generally not available
- Rescue tug effectiveness is site specific and experience from use in one location does not necessarily transfer to other locations
- Funding is based upon import by vessel amounts – this will be reduced if this volume is reduced due to CBR and pipeline imports of crude

- The implementation of IMO requirements for protective location of fuel oil tanks for ships constructed in 2010 and later reduces the risk of a fuel oil spill in collisions, allisions and groundings – MARPOL 12A

- A vessel traffic system covering the Columbia River and Grays Harbor would reduce shipping accidents such as collisions and groundings.
- Mariner fatigue leads to human error.
  - Proposed USCG rulemaking on barge inspections and working hours
  - Pilots have more accidents at the end of long voyages
- Experience with Capesize bulk carriers does exist in the region- improve identification of high-risk vessels

Human error is the source of most accidents

Reducing human error is the most effective  
area of risk control

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Evaluation and assessment of the vessel traffic in the region should be an on-going process. Decisions on prevention and response preparedness rely on accurate information to be effective